

REMARKS

Claims 48, 49, 51, 52, 54, 55, and 57-60 were examined in the Office Action under reply. Claims 48, 51, 54, 57 and 59 were rejected and claims 49, 52, 55, 58 and 60 were allowed. Applicants submit for reasons of record that the rejected claims are indeed patentable. Nevertheless, solely in an effort to advance prosecution, all rejected claims have been canceled.

Cancellation of the claims is made without prejudice, without intent to abandon any originally claimed subject matter, and without intent to acquiesce in any rejection of record. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications hereof containing the canceled or unamended claims.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is fully in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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